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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/750,971	TAKASHIMA ET AL.
	Examiner Brian P. Mruk	Art Unit 1751

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2007.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,7 and 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,7 and 9-20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 28, 2006 has been entered.
2. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed December 28, 2006. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, and 7. Claims 2, 5, 8 and 21 have been cancelled. Currently, claims 1, 3-4, 6-7 and 9-20 remain pending in the application.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office actions, Paper Nos. 20060201 and 20060817.
4. The rejection of claims 2, 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments and remarks. Specifically, claims 2, 5 and 8 have been cancelled.

5. The rejection of claims 1, 3-4, 6-7 and 9-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Morinaga et al, US 2003/0144163, is maintained for the reasons of record.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed December 28, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Morinaga et al, US 2003/0144163, requires hydrogen peroxide in their composition, which is excluded from the instant claims with the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of". However, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Specifically, the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" limits the scope of a claim to the specified materials or steps "and those that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristic(s)" of the claimed invention. See **MPEP 2111.03**. In the instant case, the examiner notes that page 14, lines 7-14 of the instant specification discloses that the composition may additionally contain hydrogen peroxide. Therefore, the examiner asserts that the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" does not exclude hydrogen peroxide from the instant invention.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Mruk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1321. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:00AM-5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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